



EB-2010-0132

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Hydro One
Brampton Networks Inc. for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution
to be effective January 1, 2011.

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 4

Hydro One Brampton Networks Inc. ("Hydro One Brampton") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on June 30, 2010 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro One Brampton charges for electricity distribution, to be effective January 1, 2011.

Procedural Order No. 1, issued by the Board on August 26, 2010, approved a number of intervention requests and established a schedule for the delivery of interrogatories and responses, a technical conference and a settlement conference.

On October 8, 2010, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 2 setting out dates for parties to provide submissions on the response to an interrogatory for which Hydro One Brampton requested confidential treatment.

On November 3, 2010, the Board issued its Decision on Confidentiality and Procedural Order No. 3 establishing dates for parties to provide submissions on further procedural steps in this proceeding and, in particular, on which issues should be addressed through written submissions and which, if any, should be considered as part of an oral hearing.

The Board received submissions from Hydro One Brampton, Energy Probe Research Foundation (“Energy Probe”), School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”).

Further procedural steps

The Board has reviewed parties’ submissions and has determined to conduct an oral hearing. While there has already been significant discovery to date in this proceeding, the Board is of the view that there would be some benefits to having an oral hearing to clarify specific issues. The scope of the oral hearing will be limited to the issues below that have been explicitly stated in parties’ submissions. The Board cautions parties to ensure their examination of the issues are focused and must flow from responses given by the applicant over the two rounds of interrogatories to date.

RATE BASE AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

- Green Energy Plan
- Treatment of HST
- Expenditures related to old Daycare area rework
- Working capital allowance calculation

DISTRIBUTION REVENUES

- The drop in distribution revenues between 2009 and 2011
- Load Forecast, in particular to the CDM adjustment, Economic assumptions, and HDD/CDD methodology used and its impact on the normalized weather

OPERATING COSTS

- Metering expenses
- Staffing costs, including Pension costs
- The drop in depreciation/amortization
- The 24.5% increase in OM&A from 2009 to 2011
- Green Energy Plan / Green Energy Act spending
- Calculation of the income tax provision
- The drop in tax costs

COST OF CAPITAL AND RATE OF RETURN

- Long Term debt

DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

- Proposed New accounts
- Calculation, timing and terms of the proposed clearance of account 1562
- Proposed terms of disposition of the existing balances
- Cost allocation and rate design implications of the accounts to be cleared
- Treatment of Smart Meter costs

In the event a party or parties wishes to undertake cross examination on issues not included in the list above, they will first need to obtain approval of the Board to do so.

The Board considers it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. An oral hearing will be convened on **December 6, 2010** at 9:30a.m. The hearing may continue on **December 7, and 9, 2010** if necessary. The hearing will be held at 2300 Yonge Street, Toronto in the Board's North hearing room on the 25th Floor.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2010-0132, be made through the Board's web portal at www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at www.oeb.gov.on.ca/OEB/Industry. If the web portal is not available, parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

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DATED at Toronto, November 17, 2010

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